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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON S AND T
COOPERATION

REF: MADRID 9487

1' WE ACCEPT THE RATIONALE ADVANCED BY THE SPANISH SIDE FOR
FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE FORMAL MEETING UNTIL A LATER DATE.

2. IN VIEW OF APPARENT INTERNAL GOS DISARRAY IN REGARD
TO S AND T PROGRAM, WE BELIEVE GANLEY VISIT TO MADRID FOR
PRIVATE MEETING WITH SPANISH CO-CHAIRMAN IN JANUARY
WILL NOT RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS. HE THEREFORE
DECLINES THE INVITATION.

3. DESPITE THE MEETING POSTPONEMENT AND GANLEY'S DECISION
NOT TO VISIT MADRID AT THIS TIME, WE HOPE THE EMBASSY
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WILL KEEP ALL PRESSURE ON THE GOS FOR A MEETING AT THE
EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME AT WHICH SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN
SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS CAN BE MADE.

4. FYI, BECAUSE OF DELAY EXPERIENCED TO DATE AND ANTICI-
PATED FUTURE DELAYS, WE MAY HAVE A MAJOR PROBLEM IN

GETTING THE S AND T FUNDS OBLIGATED. WHILE THIS

IS AN INTERNAL U.S. GOVERNMENT PROBLEM, THE EMBASSY SHOULD
BE AWARE THAT FAILURE TO OBLIGATE ON A TIMELY BASIS COULD
CAUSE DIFFICULTIES IN NEXT YEAR'S CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON
FUNDING OF THE S&T PROGRAM.END FYI.
ROBINSON

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